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TOWN CRIER

The Town Crier notes with interest and relief that Vice-President Garner shot a buck in the Pennsylvania hills last week and sincerely hopes it is the same one that the House and Senate have been passing ever since Congress has been in session.

Ernest Littlejohn, colored PWA worker from C'lina is perfectly sure that sometimes a rabbit foot "jes' ain't no 'count", else why, when he was discussing a personal matter with John Camp Saturday and used a rock to emphasize a point in his argument, should the missile go where Camp's head wasn't and crash through a plate glass window in the Virginia Public Service office, taking with it a costly neon sign? Littlejohn immediately found the climate hereabouts not at all to his liking, so set out for Washington.

Responding to a tip Monday morning, Town Officer McGuinn went to Chantilly and picked Littlejohn up and at a hearing later before Mayor William J. Luck, the colored man was fined and ordered to pay costs of the broken window and sign.

Many Loudoun County Democrats journeyed to Alexandria Saturday night where a reception was announced to do honor to Governor-elect Price. The affair was staged at the George Mason Hotel, it was well arranged, the music was fine, company excellent and all were in high spirits—the only sour note in the ensemble being the absence of the guest of honor who was that evening attending a function in Massachusetts, having crossed his dates in some way.

Braddock Road, locally known as the Snickersville Pike, runs northeast from Aldie to Snicker's Gap, the Bluemont crossing of the Blue Ridge. Over this oldest road in Northern Virginia passed the wagon trains of General Braddock en route to Winchester and Fort Duquesne. An historical marker at the junction of U. S. Route and Braddock Road at Aldie has this to say: "Here the wagon trains of General Braddock turned northeast to Snicker's Gap May 1755. Braddock was waiting for the wagons in Winchester before moving on to Fort Duquesne."

About a mile northeast of the junction of these important highways, stands a single shaft of Massachusetts marble in lonely state along the roadside. This inscription tells the dramatic story of 198 calvarymen who came to grief in a "Bloody Angle" of two stone fences when set upon by Confederate forces; "First Massachusetts Cavalry, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, June 17, 1863. Erected by First Massachusetts Cavalry Association, 1889."

Mention of the Massachusetts shaft brings to mind the story of a certain young blade in the community some years ago who attended a party in

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Va. Horses Score At Charles Town

Mrs. Kenneth Gilpin's Buck Langhorne Annexes Charles Town Handicap

Having practically forgotten his disagreeable experience with the sponge boys at Bowie a couple of weeks ago, Buck Langhorne, Mrs. Kenneth Gilpin's good five year old by Dunlin out of Lady Emmeline, extended himself last Saturday, December 4, and smartly won the Charles Town Handicap.

The bay gelding carrying Jockey Palumbo was forced to restrain himself to a steady pace while Sunned, who broke on top, held command until the last half mile. From here, as the winner moved rapidly up, it was drive all the way with Sunned holding on grimly a short length behind. The mile sixteenth was covered in 1:48 2-5.

Earlier in the day Mrs. Gilpin had watched another horse from her stable come in victorious, when Teddy's Star annexed the fifth race, seven furlongs, for three year olds and upwards.

The brown filly by Teddy out of Knight Star took an easy lead which she held with little effort straight through to the finish, steadying to a pace in the back stretch which Trixie Lass tried gamely to withstand, but was unable to attain more than a driving second.

Another Gilpin bred mare, F. C. Burrows' Gallopette, set a stiff pace in the second event on Monday Dec. 6, and stuck it out to win over a field of seven in a claiming race for

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MERRYMAN SALE DRAWS MANY TOP CONSIGNORS

When the bidding starts at the horse sale, slated for one o'clock, December 15, at Mt. Defiance, home of H. Reginald Bishop near Middleburg, Thoroughbreds from many of the outstanding breeding establishments in Virginia and Maryland will go under the hammer of Louis McL. Merryman, well known president of Herrick-Merryman sales Company and conductor of the sale.

Consignments have been accepted from Llangollen, Kentmere, Montana Hall, Faygate, Thornton Farms and many other producers of the best in horse flesh. A limited number are still being taken and a few have been turned down, either for unsoundness or simply because Mr. Merryman did not feel that the horses as individuals would come up to the standard of the others in the sale.

A well known, as well as a constant ruling of Mr. Merryman's, and one that adds greatly to the popularity of his sales, is that he never under any conditions allows the bidding in of animals by or for their

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British Columnist Discusses America

Eric Dunstan Deals Glancing Blows To Politics, Plumbing And Vegetable Patches

The Editors find pleasure in publishing the following article written exclusively for the Chronicle by Eric Dunstan, who is getting his first impression of America. Mr. Dunstan writes a widely read column appearing in London's evening paper the "Star".

By Eric Dunstan

Before you read one word further, I must warn you that I am an Englishman with most of an Englishman's prejudices. I must also excuse myself of responsibility for this article being here. Your Editor invited me.

In the 43 years that I've lived on this "shrinking planet", I've managed to get about a good bit and have been to most parts of it with the exception of the two Americas. Now I'm here for the first time on my honeymoon with my American wife. So far I've spent a month in New York (which I know "is not America") and a few days in Washington and nearby Virginia.

First impressions never come twice, so, while they're fresh and for what they're worth, which is quite superficial—here they are:—

First and foremost, I have been impressed by one quality which I somehow least expected—your universal country. I have never been anywhere where everyone from the top to the bottom of the social scale has been so invariably polite, and anxious to go out of his way to help. It "manners maketh man" is a true adage—and I think it is—you're already well made.

You've never even once yet smiled at my English accent and, as a whole,

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OFFICERS ELECTED FOR MARYLAND BREEDERS

Word comes from Humphrey S. Finney, Field Secretary of the Maryland Horse Breeders' Association, Inc., of newly elected officers, and the new abode and offices in Towson, Maryland. Mr. Finney has been associated with Labrot's Holly Beach Farm, as a manager, and only recently went into full time duties with the Association.

The president of the Association is Chester F. Hockley, well known Baltimorean, while Robert S. Castle and Edwin Warfield, Jr., are Vice-Presidents and Goss L. Stryker is Secretary and Treasurer.

The Directors number some of the outstanding members of this breeders' association, including the officers, they are: Janon Fisher, Jr., well known trainer and owner of Cave Farm, near Baltimore, Vaughn Flannery, Henry S. Horkheimer, William H. Labrot, Charles E. Riegan, Henry L. Straus, Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt.

VIRGINIA-BREDS NET \$938,857.00 IN 11 MONTHS

Sixty-Five Stallions In Virginia Providing Stake Winners Throughout U. S.

With over 65 thoroughbred stallions standing to-day in Virginia, 43 of them have bred winners winning 460 races in 1,136 starts. Owners of these Virginia-breds have benefited by \$938,857.00 in winning various stakes and purses. These figures are for the first eleven months of 1937, and represent an upward trend over 1936, and come from the Blood-Horse, the Kentucky magazine listing 939 stallions in United States, the sires of winners of over ten million dollars this year.

In 1936, this magazine only listed 840 stallions, with off-spring accounting for \$9,647,049.

The outstanding horse of Virginia paddocks, by some thirty thousand dollars, is the successful Pompey, by Sun Briar, standing at Ellerslie Stud, owned by A. B. Hancock, Charlottesville. His sons and daughters have romped home to win \$92,737 in winning 32 races Mr. Hancock is also the owner of Petee-Wrack, standing in Charlottesville, too, in second place, with 15 wins, in 41 races, with money totaling \$76,397.

B. B. Jones' Audley Farm's Bright Knight, by Gay Crusader, closely contests William duPont's, Jr., Walnut Hall Farms, Messenger, by Fair Play, standing in Boyce, for third place. The Messenger is credited with 12 wins, \$64,896, against Bright Knight's 33 wins and \$64,353.

It is interesting to note that there are eight stallions standing in and about Middleburg responsible for \$107,691 of the grand Virginia total, so near the million mark. The leader of the Middleburg group is Espino by Negopol, owned by William Ziegler, at his Burrland Farm, with \$43,600 going to the owners of Espino breds. Second of the Middleburg eight is

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DELINQUENT MIDDLEBURG TAXES TO BE COLLECTED

At the regular meeting held Wednesday night the Middleburg Town Council voted to record all delinquent land taxes due the Town in the Clerk's Office of Loudoun County. This was done in order to comply with the law whereby all real estate taxes constitute a lien on the real estate. This action was taken to insure the eventual collection of all delinquent real estate taxes.

At this meeting, G. L. Dubber, McCrary Co. engineer, advised the Council that the sewer contract was at least seventy per cent complete and further stated that with favorable weather the work would be essentially complete by the last of December.

The Horseman's News

Money Making Virginia Stallions

The following list contains the names of all stallions which have sired winners of races in North America, through November 1937, for the year, now standing in Virginia:

	Wins	Starts	
Abbot's Nymph, 1923, by Abbot's Trace	9	19	\$11,455
Houghton P. Metcalf, Upperville, Va.			
Brandon Mint, 1929, by Stimulus	1	2	\$1,400
Brandon Stud, Robt. W. Daniels, Brandon, Va.			
Bright Knight, 1921, by Gay Crusader	33	83	\$64,353
Audley Farm, B. B. Jones, Berryville, Va.			
Caid, 1925, by Teddy	1	1	\$275
Canterbury Farms, Col. Albert E. Peirce, Warrenton, Va.			
Dr. Freeland, 1926, by Light Brigade	1	1	\$625
John E. Hughes, Upperville, Va.			
Dunlin, 1920, by Fair Play	28	62	\$33,815
Raspberry Plains, Will H. Lipscomb, Leesburg, Va.			
Ed Crump, 1912, by Peep o'Day	16	31	\$15,900
Homeland Farm, Will Hitt, Middleburg, Va.			
Espino, 1923, by Negofol	4	11	\$43,600
Burrland Farm, William Ziegler, Jr., Middleburg, Va.			
Floral King, 1923, by Herodote	2	5	\$1,775
Clovelly Farm, Robert C. Winmill, Warrenton, Va.			
Gino, 1930, by Tetratema	1	3	\$2,860
Court Manor Stud, Willis Sharpe Kilmer, Newmarket, Va.			
Grand Time, 1930, by High Time	2	7	\$14,030
High Acre Farm, Mrs. David A. Buckley, The Plains, Va.			
Happy Argo, 1923, by Argosy	27	84	\$57,097
Blueridge Farm, Adm. Cary T. Grayson, Upperville, Va.			
Hydromel, 1924, by Light Brigade	10	28	\$14,630
Montpelier Stud, Mrs. Marion duP. Scott, Orange, Va.			
Judge Hay, 1926, by Peter Pan	8	16	\$7,665
Twin Oaks, Capt. R. J. Kirkpatrick, Warrenton, Va.			
Lancegaye, 1923, by Swynford	2	2	\$1,400
Montpelier Stud, Mrs. Marion duP. Scott, Orange, Va.			
Lucullite, 1915, by Trap Rock	12	24	\$12,998
Morven Park Stud, Hon. Westmoreland Davis, Leesburg, Va.			
Messenger, 1920, by Fair Play	12	33	\$64,896
Walnut Hall Farms, Will. duPont, Jr., Boyce, Va.			
Milkman, 1927, by Cudgel	7	16	\$14,665
Rolling's Plains, Mrs. W. Plunkett Stewart, The Plains, Va.			
Neddie, 1926, by Colin	13	36	\$56,135
Court Manor Stud, Willis Sharpe Kilmer, New Market, Va.			
Omar Khayyam, 1914, by Marco	15	38	\$37,170
Inglecrest Farm, Dr. J. P. Jones, Charlottesville, Va.			
On Watch, 1917, by Colin	13	29	\$20,835
Westover Farms, P. H. Faulconer, Charlottesville, Va.			
Our General, 1922, by Sir Martin	3	12	\$5,830
Burrland Farm, William Ziegler, Jr., Middleburg, Va.			
Pete-Wrack, 1925, by Wrack	15	41	\$76,397
Ellerslie Stud, A. B. Hancock, Charlottesville, Va.			
Playfellow, 1918, by Fair Play	5	12	\$5,700
Benton Farms, Dan. C. Sands, Middleburg, Va.			
Polydor, 1925, by Golden Broom	11	29	\$16,886
Burrland Farm, William Ziegler, Jr., Middleburg, Va.			
Pompey, 1923, by Sun Briar	32	87	\$92,737
Ellerslie Stud, A. B. Hancock, Charlottesville, Va.			
Prince of Wales, 1923, by High Time	9	28	\$20,300
Benton Farms, Daniel C. Sands, Middleburg, Va.			
Rockminister, 1919, by Friar Rock	5	10	\$4,675
Manly W. Carter, Orange, Va.			
Runantell, 1919, by Broomstick	12	29	\$12,950
Grafton Farms, Dr. A. C. Randolph, Upperville, Va.			
Scotch Broom, 1920, by Ultimus	6	13	\$7,740
Raspberry Plains, Will H. Lipscomb, Leesburg, Va.			
Strolling Player, 1925, by Grand Parade	28	83	\$47,470
Blueridge Farm, Adm. Cary T. Grayson, Upperville, Va.			
Sumair, 1927, by Kwang-Su	4	9	\$5,850
Burrland Farm, William Ziegler, Jr., Middleburg, Va.			
Sun Beau, 1925, by Sun Briar	15	23	\$12,910
Court Manor Stud, Willis Sharpe Kilmer, New Market, Va.			
Sun Briar, 1915, by Sundridge	27	57	\$49,235
Court Manor Stud, Willis Sharpe Kilmer, New Market, Va.			
Sun Meadow, 1928, by Sun Briar	5	10	\$3,625
Homeland Farm, William Hitt, Middleburg, Va.			
Sunpatic, 1930, by Sunstar	11	20	\$725
Court Manor Stud, Willis Sharpe Kilmer, New Market, Va.			
Time Maker, 1925, by The Porter	12	29	\$16,015
Rockridge Farm, David N. Rust, Jr., Leesburg, Va.			
Top Hole, 1927, by Pennant	1	1	\$450
H. O. Lyne, Orange, Va.			
Trace Call, 1930, by Call Boy	3	4	\$2,250
Audley Farm, B. B. Jones, Berryville, Va.			
Valorous, 1924, by Pennant	8	18	\$22,660
Llangollen Farms, Mrs. J. H. Whitney, Upperville, Va.			
War Whoop, 1925, by Man o'War	2	3	\$2,100
Clovelly Farm, Robert C. Winmill, Warrenton, Va.			
Westwick, 1921, by Ultimus	13	35	\$20,600
Inglecrest Farm, Dr. J. P. Jones, Charlottesville, Va.			
Whiskaway, 1919, by Whisk Broom II	16	52	\$27,513
The Meadow, Christopher Chenery, Doswell, Va.			



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Hunting Notes:-



Middleburg

Hounds met Saturday, December 4, at Chilton, home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur White and were cast first in the woods below the house. Excellent weather conditions added greatly to the pleasure of those hunting that day.

A fox was started on Mrs. Nina Tabb's farm which led hounds through the Tabb woods across Cromwells Run, then made a short circle after which hounds accounted. With this brief run to the good, Huntsman Maddux took hounds on to draw down Goose Creek toward the Carter farm. Working on from there, another fox was started on Maj. Turner Wiltshire's farm. Running toward Mrs. Amory Perkins' place and on to Francis Mill the fox went to earth.

A third fox was jumped after hounds had worked on to Foxcroft. Here the run led to Benton, from there carrying the field fast across country to William Hitt's farm, the fox made a wide circle and went in close to Goose Creek.

Those hunting with Middleburg this week were Mrs. William Mitchell, here from Detroit for a visit to the Oliver Iselins, Mrs. Tom Davis, Mrs. Donald Ryerson, Mrs. Holger Bidstrup, who arrived from British Columbia on Tuesday, Mrs. Silvie Hazard and daughter, Miss Natalie Hazard, Mrs. Merrill Hubbard and daughter, Miss Cissy Hubbard, Miss Eleanor Macubin, Miss Laura Sprague, Mrs. George Blabon, stopping off for a few days hunting en route to Mexico, Miss Nannie Fred, Miss Dorothy Fred, Miss Frances Frick, Miss Bettina Belmont, Mrs. Robert Frost, down from Washington, the Arthur Whites, the Turner Wiltshires, the Jack Skinners, Paul Mellon, Jamie McCormick, Stephen Clark, Crompton Smith, Henry Whitfield, Jim Skinner, and Rogers Fred.

Hounds met Monday, December 6, at Philmont. Weather, cold, clear, windy; scenting extremely bad.

Drawing onto Fenton, a fox was started which took hounds on a straight-away run towards Purcellville, then back by Guinea Bridge. After a run lasting about an hour and fifty minutes, hounds were called off, scent being too faint for more than the slowest kind of work. After drawing on from there towards North Fork, the wind had gotten so high that hounds were taken in and no further hunting was attempted that day.

Piedmont

Hounds met at Bollingbrook, the lovely farm of Senator and Mrs. Thomas Glascock, Friday, with many visiting members in the field. Simpson Dean, M. F. H. from Vicmeade Hunt, Wilmington, Del., was out, as

a guest of Mrs. George Garrett with Mrs. Sidney Scott, also of Wilmington. Others included: Mrs. Robert Winmill, Mrs. Harry Gray, Mrs. Harold Talbott, Mrs. Diana Guest Sevastapoulo, Mrs. Frederick Guest, Raymond Guest, Mrs. R. T. Metcalf, out for the last time this year, as she left Saturday for Providence and a Rhode Island Christmas; Mrs. William Mitchell, Mrs. Amory Perkins, Mrs. Donald Ryerson, Arthur White, Mrs. John Anderson, Fred Carter, Mrs. Beverley Mason, Jr., Paul Mellon, George Roberts Slater, the Jack Skinners.

Hounds drew down through Bollingbrook, down through Rokeby Farm of Paul Mellon's, and on through the country towards Rector-down. The persistent ones finally enjoyed a good run, as scent got better 'long come four o'clock. A good forty minutes was the reward for the long and late stayers, with hounds finally accounting, when putting their quarry to earth.

Orange County

Hounds met at Mrs. Plunkett Stewar's place on Thursday morning last at eleven o'clock, and the day was one of the most chilling of the week. A large field turned out, with featured guests in Simpson Dean, M. F. H. Vicmeade Hunt, Wilmington, Del., who spent sometime with the George Garretts; Mrs. Sidney Scott, also of Wilmington, and Mrs. Harry Gray.

In the absence of the regular Huntsman Leach, Mr. Robert B. Young was whipping, and Douglas Burgess the usual First Whip, hunted the hounds.

Among those out were: Mrs. Oliver Filley, Harry Worcester Smith, who arrived in his streamlined car and trailer to match; Miss Julia Whiting, who believes in hacking them to the meet; the Gordon Douglas, who got there as usual late; Mrs. Diana Guest Sevastapoulo, Raymond Guest, Mrs. Robert Winthrop, the William Langleys, the James Van Alens, Mrs. Robert Young, Mrs. George Garrett, Miss Margot couldn't hunt, she was busy writing her Sunday debutante English vs. American column for the Star; Mrs. Fletcher Harper, Mrs. Harold Talbott, and Horace Moffett.

Hounds met Saturday, December 4, at Mrs. George Garrett's place near Rector-town. Drawing on to Whiting's Mountain, a fox was started on the mountain that carried hounds through the Lake place, across to the Glascock property, swung across the road and back to Whiting's Mountain. From there the run continued on to the Whiting farm, back to the Lake place, where hounds lost near the Lake's barn.

Continuing on from there, it was about four o'clock before another fox was gotten up. This time the run started on Mr. Langley's property near the Neill farm. Running to the Brent place and on across the sand and clay road near Mr. Meetze's scales, the fox swung down country towards M. F. H. Fletcher Harper's farm, turned short right handed by the silo in Mr. Harper's barn yard, then went on to the Sedan Cutting farm, where the fox was accounted for in earth, closing a fast run lasting about forty minutes.

Monday, December 6, was cold and windy, scenting poor. Hounds met at Zulla and started a fox near Carter's Mill which ran down into the

Woodward place, circled back towards Wolf's scales where hounds lost. Hunting on from there towards the Hatcher property, Mr. Harper decided to call it a day, weather being too windy for hounds to work well.

Blue Ridge

Saturday the Big Pack met at Carter Hall. Weather cold in the early morning growing warmer rapidly as sun melted frost. Hounds drew through Glenvin, crossed the road into the new McKay farm, into the Vineyard property and over to Spout Run. Cold line found near Spout Run, but hounds unable to carry it. Pack taken in.

Monday the big pack met at Russell's Gate. After drawing the East bank of the Opequon, hounds opened on the west bank and went away with a fine burst. They ran north of route 50 and parallel to it for about 2 miles going west. Then turning north to the Sulphur Spring road, then east again to the Opequon where the fox suddenly turned sharply northwest and crossing the Senseney Road made for the Berryville-Winchester Pike, where they were unable to carry scent further although they had been pushing him hard for an hour and a half. The point was about 6 miles, and 10 as hounds ran. The weather was rapidly growing colder, wind from the north with snow flurries. Among those hunting during the week were Mr. and Mrs. R. James Hubbard, of Millwood and Cazenovia, N. Y. Captain and Mrs. Robin Lee from Gloucestershire, England out with Mr. and Mrs. Greenhalgh, Miss Nellie Wheeler of Connecticut, Captain Ewart Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Mackay Smith, Miss Virginia Jacobs, Mrs. Billy Wetherall, Mrs. J. H. Whitney, Bruce Cabot, Joseph Lewis, Graham Dougherty, Henry Post Mitchell, Roland Mitchell.

Keswick Hunt

Hounds met Monday, November 29th at Hunter's Hall, an old Southern home about five miles from Charlottesville. A small field of hard riders was present, including Mrs. Cary Jackson, Miss Betty Walker, Miss Zamie Terrill, Morris Clark and Richard W. Hall, the Huntsman and horn-blowing champion of Virginia.

Hounds were cast at ten o'clock and gave tongue shortly afterwards. The going was perfect, weather clear and warm. After a thirty minute run over mountain and field, fox was put to earth on Mr. Taylo's place, Edgehill, and hounds were then brought in.

The following Wednesday, December 1, Hounds met at Rugby, a small town near Keswick. Hounds were cast and ran up a fox, split and then carried on in two different directions. After a hard ride of more than an hour, one fox went to earth and the other was lost. The country is thickly wooded at this place which made it difficult to keep up with the fast moving pack.

Saturday morning, December 4, dawned cold with a heavy white frost. The Hunt gathered in the picturesque and historical farmyard back of Edgehill. Among the riders were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Talcott, Mrs. Cary Jackson on one of her famous thoroughbreds, Miss Betty Walker, Miss Anne Nicholas, Miss Anne Raffety and Miss Frances Raffety, the two latter great-granddaughters of Thomas Jefferson.

Hounds were cast and after climb-

ing Wolf Hill, ran up a grey fox. Stiff country was in front of the field with several big fences, then a high gate. Fox was unusually tricky that morning, circling around and finally into his den.

Warrenton

On a Saturday of a chilly side, with only mediocre scenting conditions, Warrenton Hounds, after meeting at Ball's Cross Roads, gave great account. Two good runs were enjoyed by a field numbering about 25.

Hounds first found near the Cross Roads, and carried the fox to the Banks of the Hazel, denning there. Another was soon started on Jim Miller's place, taken to the Hazel, from there back to Chilton's Farm, and then on back of the Potter's fields. During the course of this run, a rattling good one, with plenty of jumping, an hour and twenty minutes in all, hounds and field really got strung out for some good running. A number of horses, from pace and the abundance of fences, were cooked at the end.

In the absence of Amory S. Carhart, Master, E. Kenneth Jenkins took Warrenton Hounds out Wednesday, when the fixture called for Poplar Corners, (in the lower country). Various covers were drawn, in a large left hand circle, until a fox was started near the meeting place. A short run of twenty minutes followed, when hounds and the fox crossed the Hazel River, where the fox was denned following another half hour.

Mr. Jenkins and Huntsman Miller then worked the country over for a full hour and a half, and it was cold and an icy cutting wind was blowing. Despite carrying on through coverts that usually yield foxes, nothing was doing, and because of the weather, lowering temperature, and absolutely no scent, hounds were taken in.

Casanova Hunt

Hounds met at Auburn, Tuesday Nov. 30. Four foxes were started during the course of the day, all of which gave good sport.

The first was jumped near Mr. Griffith's place and a half hour chase ensued with real music to listen to throughout the entire run. Fox was put to earth on Ingleside.

From there hounds drew Long-Continued on Page Ten

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My dear—

I am not going to Bermuda after all. I have decided to go "East" and spend Christmas with the family. I am really glad to get away for a few days. I hate to miss the hunting, but at times I do get fed up with things down here. I have lived here for years and still I don't know whether I am considered a "d—yankee" or a southerner, for, as you know, I am "half and half", Mother being from the South and Father from New England, but really Virginians sometimes think that there is no other state in the Union but Virginia!! It is a great state. I adore it and I don't blame them around here and vicinity (Warrenton, Upperville, The Plains, etc.) for resenting some of the newcomers wanting to turn it into "yankee land" changing it to suit themselves, taking most of the charm out of it. Of course it is also hard on the newcomers to have someone trying day after day to sell them antiques or something (sometimes a horse), but even if I am part yankee, my sympathy is with the Virginian.

I promised you Warrenton news this week. Do you remember that youngster North Fletcher? He lives to judge at horse shows! I wonder if he is planning another "Dublin Show"? Remember the big fellow who lives on the hill not far from the town? Well, he spends much of his time in the air. What a pity he cannot come out of the clouds and get his feet on the ground. Getting rich is hard on some people.

Jane Haserick had a glorious trip abroad. She is such a lovely person. I am told she had tea with the Duke and Duchess of Windsor in Paris and found them too delightful, Wallis just as charming.

I hear there have been several nice (?) "brawls" amongst the ladies in Warrenton and Bacchus was looking on with utter glee and leading them on and on.

Lou Doeller has a new delicious "spread" for hors d'oeuvres. She

certainly does know what is divine to eat. They are indeed knocking one of our hunts in that big town. There surely is a gulf (what a name I could give to it!) existing between "over there" and "over here". Enough about Warrenton.

Good night,
Affec.,
KATTY.

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TOWN CRIER

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that neighborhood and drank not wisely but too well. He was riding a horse he had bought that day and the animal knew nothing about getting home without his rider's guiding rein. Reaching the site of the shaft, the horse stopped to crop the long grass growing there and the rider tumbled off and slept the night through. Waking in the morning he looked about and found his mount standing patiently by. Then he spied the marble marker, noted foggily the Massachusetts inscription and said to a friend who had just arrived in search of him, "Well Bill, I knew I had a good horse, but I sure didn't expect him to make it clear to Massachusetts in one night!"

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hendricks had as their dinner guests Monday evening Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Whitten of Winchester.

Miss Dorothy Jones, who was unable to return to her studies at Friends' School, Westtown, Penna., following the Thanksgiving holidays, has recovered from a severe cold.

Mrs. C. M. Downs had as her guests over the week-end and Sunday Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Downs, Mrs. D. B. Allison and Mr. James Allison of Arlington and Miss Estelle Downs of Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Pelton spent several days recently with Mr. Pelton's mother in Washington.

Mr. M. S. Reed has returned from Raleigh, North Carolina, where he visited his mother, Mrs. Thomas A. Reed.

Mrs. J. Frank Bell died Sunday at Memorial Hospital, Winchester. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Methodist Church with the pastor, Rev. J. R. Hendricks, in charge. Interment was made in Ebenezer Cemetery, Bloomfield.

Returns are coming in slowly in the Seal Sale. Receipts to date are far below a comparable date last year.

Mrs. T. Walter Fred came home Monday from Lexington, Kentucky, where she has been visiting relatives.

Miss Evangeline Pearson and Mr. R. D. Mercer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. West A. Pearson at their home at Philomont.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Methodist Church held its regular meeting Thursday afternoon at the Parsonage.

Mrs. Robert Winthrop left Tuesday to spend some time on Long Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Prince, Jr. came down Monday from New York for several days' hunting before the holidays.

W. G.

VA. HORSES SCORE

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three year olds and upwards. Choice Goods who was second tried hard to contest the lead, but the nine year old mare, by Dunlin or brown Prince II-Gallops, shook off the challenge in the back stretch and kept driving to the finish.

Captain Ewart Johnston's Nay Nay fulfilled the crowd's expectations that same day, fighting her way to the top in the 4 1-2 furlong claiming race for fillies and mares, though it was nip and tuck at the finish with Royal Purchase a mighty close second. By Mainmast out of Reluctant II, Nay Nay is a six year old chestnut. Her time, 0:53 4-5.

Likewise a winner on Monday, Mrs. David A. Buckley's Clean Heels showed an extremely clean pair of

his own to the rest of the field for six and a half furlongs in the \$500 all age stake. The three year old bay gelding by Tall Timber out of Mischief carried Jockey Faust who rated him close to the pace of Trostar up to the final turn, then let him take command. Contending gamely, but unable to resist in the stretch, Trostar finished a close second. Time, 1:27.

Trained by his owner Claude Felner, five year old Jobakheta won easily over Two Brooms in the mile and sixteenth claiming race for four year olds and upwards. The chestnut gelding by Sedgfield out of Charlotte O swept into the lead approaching the stretch and finished well ahead with plenty to spare. Time, 1:55 2-5.

On Tuesday, December 7, Captain Ewart Johnston had another winner in Royal Business, by Sun Meadow out of Pretty Business, a long shot paying \$35.20. In the Charles Town Course for two year olds, Captain Johnston's bay filly kept close to the pace of the favorite Lillith who lost ground in the final sixteenth when the winner drew away and finished with a length and a half clearance.

Longest price of the day, in fact of the present meeting so far, being a \$145.60 mutuel, G. A. Laing's Captain Bill, astonishing crowd and favorite alike, came in on top in the last race. The six year old Dan IV gelding, out of Polly Wells, held himself in reserve till the closing stretch, then easily conquered pacemakers Easter Herald and Mahi, the latter a driving second. The mile and sixteenth was covered in 1:49 3-5.

OUTSTANDING HORSES TO BE OFFERED AT AUCTION

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Dr. Robert L. Booth, Middleburg, will examine all horses consigned to the sale that morning and each one will be sold under his certificate.

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VIRGINIA-BREDS

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Prince of Wales by High Time, owned by Daniel C. Sands, and the Benton Farms.

Willis Sharpe Kilmer has seven handsome sires standing at his Court Manor Stud in Newmarket, and the man who has been sustaining the top averages of the Virginia breeders at Saratoga and Kentucky yearling sales, is at the top of the heap of individual stallion owners. Of his seven, Neddie by Colin leads them all with his gets' winnings at \$56,135, and his stud-farm compatriot Sun Briar close up with \$49,235.

See summary of stallions which have sired winners of races in this country, through November 1937, for the past eleven months, now standing in Virginia on page 2.

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Editorials

WHERE LIES THE FOXHUNTING FUTURE

It is surprising that a sport such as foxhunting which had its being in the Middle Ages and rose to flourish in England of the eighteenth century should still continue to thrive in an age of automobiles, cement roads and huge cities that stretch out lanes of communications across the land. That the present day is hard on sport of all kinds is seen in the scarcity of the fish in the streams, in the absence of the red deer, bear, quail, partridges, and many other animals that made America a hunters paradise long after game had left England except in closely protected parks.

The answer to the inconsistency of a game which depends on horses, hounds and open country in a time when horses are no longer necessary and packs of hounds are almost a curiosity, lies in the real qualities that Fox-hunting provides of clean, hard, sport. Once behind hounds as they open on the line of their fox, the rider can never forget the thrill that he has received. For this reason, those who hunt foxes behind the various packs of hounds that dot America wonder anxiously about the future of this sport as cement roads continue to encroach upon the good hunting and and as suburbs reach out and blot out the coverts that so often yielded up a fox though comparatively near the large cities.

In Philadelphia such hunts as Radnor, Rose Tree and White Marsh are hard put to it to maintain their countries as more and more of their territory is turned into suburbs made available by roads and motors. Around New York the same situation exists. But this is not the real danger to foxhunting. The United States is large. Unlike England, where the country has all been developed, there is plenty of room to expand and even around such cities as Philadelphia and New York, hunting is still possible due to the very same motor car that although it has brought the suburbs to the country, has also made country further away, more accessible to the sportsman. The problem of foxhunting lies instead in seeking and finding cooperation among the farmers as new land must be opened up to take the place of the old territory that has been used for hunting for a century and more. The farmer's land provides the medium for this sport and it is his sporting instinct that must be appealed to in permitting hounds to hunt his thickets and men to ride over his land.

If farmers do not understand foxhunting, if they see people whom they do not know, who do not take the trouble to make their acquaintance or ask their permission to ride over their land, then foxhunting is in danger in this country. The age of large landowners is fast dwindling into history. There are very few great estates left in the country and it is to the small farmer that foxhunting must turn. The fellow feeling aroused in England between sportsman and farmer is alone responsible for the continuation of this sport. It is brought about by helping the farmer to derive pleasure from foxhunting. Publicity on hunts is given freely. The London Times carries even today the full reports of all the hunts in England. And people everywhere take an interest, because they know what it is all about. The farmer realizes it is a real sport when he sees men ride through his land. He has read in the local papers about runs, about foxes killed, about people hunting. It is a game for the countryside that can be followed and enjoyed by everybody, on horse back, on foot or by motor. It is in a proper fellowship between farmer and hunter that the future of foxhunting lies and everything that can be done to make this understanding more complete through consideration, courtesy and the purchase in the locality of the farmer's hay and feed, are the best insurance for the future of a fine, clean hard sport in this country.

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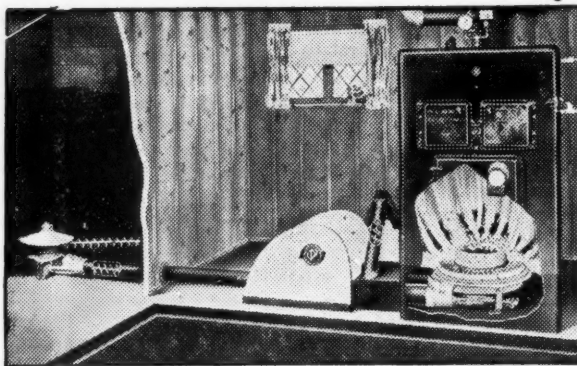
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By Carol White

Do you like steak. I do if it is not like an elephant's ear and done to a dark mahogany brown. I was told of a lovely way to cook steak this morning by the first person to be depicted in the "Up Goose Creek" skit, the man with the field glasses slung over his shoulder.

Rock Salt Steak

Fill an iron frying pan with ice cream salt, about two inches deep. Heat it till it is just as hot as fire. Rub a nice thick, juicy, steak with olive oil and lay it on the salt and leave it there till it gets seared, then turn it over and keep doing this till the steak is done according to your taste. No, the salt does not stick to the meat. I thought this too and asked about it, but was told it did not. Put steak on a very hot platter, carve, put back in the oven till just time to serve. Arrange to cut it as short a time as possible before you serve it or the rare, (or cut) sides will turn dark when put into the oven.

Planked Steak

Use the same kind of a plank that I told of last week. If you have delayed in subscribing to the Chronicle you probably do not know that I mean an oval board made out of hickory. Select a steak about two and a half inches thick. Just put in on the board and slide it in the stove under the broiler. You will have to turn it a few times so it will be evenly cooked, about five minutes before it is done take it out and with your pastry bag that has already been filled with whipped, buttered and cream added, mashed potatoes, squeeze in one place till you have manufactured a "rose" three inches across, then make another one near enough to the first one so the sides meet. Do this all the way around the board at the edge of the steak. Dot steak generously with butter and salt to taste. Put back into the oven till the potatoes are brown. Carve and serve on the board, which you can put on a silver platter to make it easier to pass.

Swiss Steak

2 pounds of round or flank steak
½ cup flour
1 tablespoon green pepper
1 cup water
1 small can tomatoes
3 tablespoons drippings or fat

1 medium size onion
¼ teaspoon black pepper
Dash Worcestershire Sauce
Wash steak and pat to absorb most of moisture. Sift flour over steak, patting into meat as much as possible. Put drippings into a frying pan and let get very hot, then put steak in and let it brown on both sides. When the steak is browned put it into a roasting pan in which you have put some drippings. Put the cup of water into the frying pan and let come to a boil, stirring to remove browned flour from bottom of pan. Next pour this boiling water over steak, add onion chopped fine, the tomatoes, chopped green pepper and the Worcestershire sauce. Cover roasting pan and bake in a slow oven two hours.

I must tell you about a makeshift hors d'Oeuvres we had the other night and it was divine. The making of something to eat with the cocktails was left till the last minute and when "they got around to it" found there was nothing to make them out of, David, my butler has a very inventive mind so he skuttled out to the store room and found a can of Hot Tamalies, made them very, very hot, took the shucks off and cut them into inch lengths, stuck a toothpick into each one served them in a hot plate and they really were delicious.

To go back to the steaks for a minute. In that second recipe you can use round-steak, ground and pat it into a two inch thick cake to fit on your plank, leaving room for the potato rosettes.

I think big, mealy, baked potatoes should always go along with steak. When they are baked cut a cross in one side and with your first finger and thumbs give them a squeeze enough to open them a bit and drop a big lump of butter inside.

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BRITISH COLUMNIST

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you speak much better English than we do though you do pronounce it differently.

In New York where everyone always seems to have more to do than he can get through in the twenty-four hours, (where time is the most precious commodity,) I'm astonished to find that public clocks—clocks of any sort—are as rare as public conveniences, of which there are none—another baffling mystery to a visitor from Europe.

I'd heard so much about American food that perhaps I expected too much: anyway I am disappointed. The selection is amazing and the names of the dishes sound alluring but when I get them I find, for my taste, that they are nearly always over elaborate. Decoration and looks are more important than flavour and you titivate things up with sauces, radishes, parsley, cream, ground-up nuts, endless fripperies which distract without improving.

You're frightfully wasteful, not only in food, where you give helpings thrice as large as anyone could want, and I have practically never yet seen anyone leave a clean plate since I've been here; but waste is everywhere the result, I suppose, of the booms of the past. In any hotel, for instance, they change my soap everyday or oftener, which is not only unnecessary, but also a bore as I have all the trouble of unwrapping the new pieces and anyhow an old piece washes better than a hard, new one.

My laundry comes back with two pieces of card board in every shirt, another strip of it in the collar and two paper holders in the cuffs. Sheer waste of the laundry's money and my time in getting them all out. And how you over do wrapping and cellophane! Everything has layers of it and it's so darned tough to tear.

Another thing that impresses me is your lack of privacy compared to us. You seem to prefer to live like gold-fish. There are curtains and blinds (you call them "shades") on every window but the curtains, at any rate, are never drawn—we don't feel a room is complete at night until they are.

Likewise your gardens round your houses, you leave them open to the road and your neighbors; the first thing we do is to put up walls, fences or hedges and make them as private as we possibly can. Of course it is not fair to judge you as gardeners at this time of year, but from what I can see gardening is not your national hobby as it is ours.

In France, every house has its vegetable patch with a few flowers if there's room. In England everyone has flowers with a few vegetables, if the space can be spared from the flowers. Your flower shop are full of bloom but they're all alike, all very expensive and no one seems to use any imagination in arranging them.

In one matter, of flowers, you out do us. I never saw such orchids and your women drip with them; they're almost as much a uniform in New York as a mink coat. I was trying to imagine 5th Avenue the other day if suddenly all the minks and foxes on the women's backs came to life.

One thing I envy you—your Autumn climate. Ever since I've been here there have been only two bad days; otherwise its been day after day of brilliant sun and air like iced-champagne. One must have spent November in England to appreciate this.

In politics you sound violent from the conversations I have overheard

but you seem to be ready to criticise without offering to contribute. Public service does not seem to be the fashion: with us its a tradition. The higher you're born the greater your responsibility to take your share in running things. Dollars are a poor substitute for personal service.

I warned you that my observations were superficial; they couldn't well be anything else yet; but now I am off to see a bit of what everyone assures me is "the real America", the middle-West. After that I may have some more mature reflections.

So far I've enjoyed every moment of my stay and I'm learning all the time. Every Englishman ought to come as part of his education. It corrects one's sense of proportion to find how vast you are and how relatively small and unimportant we seem over there from here.

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W. Gartrell

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Local history says that one of the first Episcopal churches built in this part of the Old Dominion, stood on the site of the present Sage House at Foxcroft and here, too, was the first race track in the new Loudoun County, antedating by many years the organization of the Upperville Colt and Horse Show.

Miss Charlotte Haxall Noland, headmistress of Foxcroft, comes of a long line of illustrious Virginians who have devoted their lives and talents to making Loudoun and Fauquier Counties what they are today.

Foxcroft School had its beginning some two decades ago when Miss Noland began a summer camp at the old Noland homestead, Burrland, now the property of Mr. Wm. Zeigler. Expanding steadily, the camp soon outgrew the limits of Burrland and Foxcroft came into being. Here Miss Noland founded the now noted school for girls and this has grown by leaps and bounds until Foxcroft now is a large and growing plant.

In spite, however, of its continual growth, Foxcroft has retained its Colonial atmosphere and appearance and presents a striking picture, seated on its wide and rolling hills. For a detailed description and history of Foxcroft, let us quote Miss Noland, from an article by her in "Homes and Gardens of Old Virginia."

"Foxcroft lies in the center of the Piedmont Valley in Loudoun County, between the Blue Ridge and Bull Run Mountains. It is four miles from picturesque and historic Middleburg.

"The old brick house is built in Georgian style and is the first brick mansion ever erected in Loudoun County. The brick was made in England, landed at Fredericksburg and brought overland from there by oxen to Foxcroft. Its exterior, covered with an ivy mantle of green, has been carefully preserved, while the interior has been remodelled without taking away the old mantlepieces of unique design and many of the floors that were laid over 190 years ago.

"Added to its natural advantages, Foxcroft possesses the charm of historic interest, for tradition tells us that within its walls Augustine Washington and Mary Ball first met. It played its part, too, in the War between the States, for the famous Mosby often made it his headquarters and many skirmishes and fights occurred in its vicinity. Relics of these contests are constantly coming to light in the form of bayonets, soldiers' accoutrements and cannon balls.

"Back of the house, just beyond the ancient dooryard, is the old garden. This has been enlarged and

surrounded by a stone wall. Here, amidst box bushes now grown into trees, bridal wreath, syringa and old-fashioned posies, a path winds toward a rose-covered tea house that overlooks a sunken garden, surrounded on each side by the flowers we have known from childhood.

"The date of the old brick mansion is not definitely known, but its history has been traced to 1733 when it was built by a man named Kyle who settled here from England. He married Jane Ball who, after bearing him a daughter, became insane.

"Because there were no asylums in those days, Mrs. Kyle was chained in the garret of the old brick house. Mr. Kyle was a land lawyer and was away from home. While he was traveling, she escaped from the garret and was killed by falling down the front stairs.

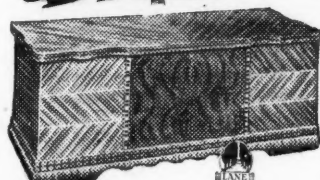
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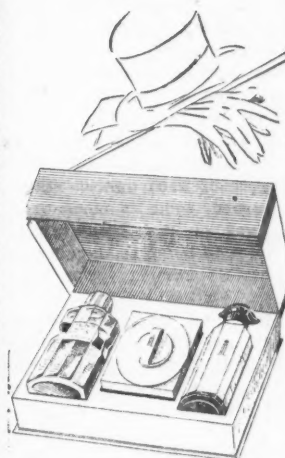
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Casanova Hunt

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wood and after a few minutes trailing, were away for another thirty minutes across Longwood, Melrose, Weston, Woodstock, and back across Melrose to Auburn road where scent failed due to gravel road and strong easterly wind.

Hounds then drew across the Tompkins place and the third red was started in the new pines and a sight chase was had across the Tompkins open fields to Melrose Rockhill and back across Tompkins, lasting about forty minutes. Huntsman blew in hounds, thinking to call it a day, but while obeying horn, a fresh scent was picked up fox having crossed that way only a few minutes before. A run followed which lasted far into the afternoon. Because of tired horses, the field adjourned, some to come out later, however, on their front lawns and in autos to listen to the chase of the apparently tireless pack, still in pursuit of their quarry.

Mr. Harry Edmonds, veteran fox hunter and first M. F. H. of Casanova Hunt, declared he had enjoyed the day as much as any he had ever known in the hunting field.

Saturday's meet was at Spring Hill. Quite a number of riders as well as spectators turned out. Among those riding were Malcolm Matheson of Alexandria, Charles Tompkins of Washington and Casanova, North Fletcher mounted on a beautiful animal, and Alex Calvert, likewise well mounted on one of Mr. Fletcher's good hunters.

Hounds were cast in New Pines, but this corner was drawn blank for the first time this season. A fox was started on Melrose, however, and a short run was had across that farm and Longwood. Hounds failed to pick up scent upon reaching Auburn road. Tompkins' woods were drawn blank, but hounds found in far end of Flat Woods and another short run was enjoyed across Lunsford's, Sprague's and on to Creedmore, where scent again failed.

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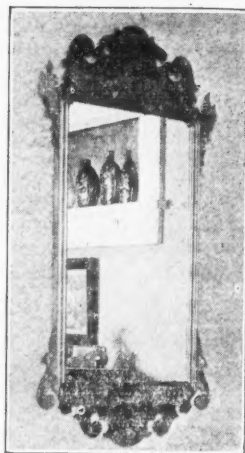
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In The Country:-

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Tompkins entertained for the large field enjoying the Saturday sport with the Casanova Hunt at as lovely a hunt-breakfast as has been held this fall in the beautiful setting of their Spring Hill home. Several hundred attended including many from Washington and Miss Dorothy Montgomery M. F. H. and Miss Charlotte Nourse Hunt Secretary, and ex-Mr. F. H. James Rectors, Sr., and Jr., Miss Theresa Ambler, Harry L. Edmonds, Miss Virginia Bowman, Jackson Price, Jones Green, Miss Louise Evans, Alex Calvert, J. North Fletcher, Orris Page, Miss Joan Nourse, Malcolm Mathewson, Jr., and Colin Montgomery.

Mrs. James Van Alen was dined with it all in the 1925 F. Street Club and Mrs. Laura Curtis, Tuesday night, when enroute to New York. She and Jimmie will return after Christmas for an occasion.

Mrs. Merrill Hubbard, who has Novembered and Decembered in the White's Town House, is not forsaking Middleburg for long. She is leaving for Chicago, for Christmas, to return in January. Her sister, who has been hunting with Plunkett Stewart, Mrs. F. P. Sears is week-ending here now.

The Rob. C. Winmills with Baldwin Spilman, Jr., are combining their imaginations and effort in a big North Wales dinner party Saturday. It is said that the guest-of-honor is to be Mrs. Elizabeth Arden Lewis, the well known beautifier, who is working on some new hunt country facials. She has recently gone into the show business, and has two splendid thoroughbreds, from Llangollen Stables.

The Walter Mc Kay Jones are entertaining Saturday night in their Upperville home, providing Mr. Jones cruises in on time from Washington. He makes a daily run of it to and from his office, driving himself thousands of miles each month.

The William Stevensons' lovely, Miss Jane, is going to go through a coming out routine in Pittsburg, on December 22. She has given up a lot to be conventional, and has missed much hunting.

Miss Austine Mc Donnell has been kind enough to address a few cards to her friends advising that she and her family, Maj. and Mrs. Austin Mc Donnell will be at home on Dec. 29th.

The H. Reginald Bishops have been skittling about and are in a veritable spit about getting the latest on how to prepare a real barbecue luncheon for the big sale on December 15; when all the lads and ladies will be trying to sell for thousands and buy for songs.

Down on the Potomac Tuesday morn, went Hugh Fontaine, Hubert Phipps, Clarence Carter and Sammy Sands, for duck, and William H. Lipscomb, too, so it's said.

North Wales, scene of scenes, was again the mecca's stronghold last Saturday when the Alexander B. Hagners came down from their Broadview to do honor to the host's sister, Miss Margot Hagner and her recently elected husband to be, F. Moran "Mike" Mc Conihe, both of Washington. Of the same vintage of debutants with Miss Hagner is Miss Nancy Leiter, who said:—(over NWC, broadcasting system,—North Wales Club—) "My Mother says: "They are the only legitimate bride and groom of the year". And then the toasts went round.

Among those out from Washington for the Hagner party were the Jasper du Boies, Griffield Warfield, the Albert Deweys, Miss Mary Louise Marsh, Tinsley Garnett, the Joseph Noells, Harold Fangbner, Randall Hagner and many others. Miss Anne Kenyon was there with an imported Walter Peck from Providence and then there were the Amory Carharts, the B. B. Cairns, the E. Kenneth Jenkins, the George Cuttings, Mrs. Kate Page Biddle, Billy Wilbur, the Robert Winmills,

and Amory Lawrence—newspaperman of the Boston Transcript;—the Robert Roebings, he of Georgia, with a wonderful bull story; Mrs. George Sloane, Miss Dorothy Neyhart, Hugh Spilman, Baldwin Spilman, Jr., Simpson Dean, and Mrs. Sidney Scott of Wilmington, the Arthur Whites, Richard Wallach, Mrs. Nathan Scott, Jack Sinclair, the James Sinclaires; Charles Case of New York, Mrs. Mason C. Shiverick, the Edward Mulligans, (the last three named are all here at North Wales Club for hunting, from Genesee Valley way); the Wallace Kenyons, the George Garretts, and William Lipscomb.

It was gone away to Pittsburg for William Streett, Tommy Leiter and E. Kenneth Jenkins, to do ushering and be on hand for the nuptials of Miss Nancy Byers and J. W. Y. Martin, married on Monday. It was low-visibility and no flying weather for Jenkins on Tuesday, but the Leiter-Streett team made it back on a night train—for a Wednesday Washington, and Riggs.

Sir William Wireman gave a tremendous occasion in the Persian Room of the Plaza New York Tuesday for a bon-voyage party for Miss Kay Stammers. There were many from the hunt-country regretting exceedingly their regrets; but fun is funds for a' that.

The Birthday girl, Mrs. Alexander Hagner, of last Friday is the candid-camera-er; of tomorrow. She was gifted with a superb new Capital Camera Co., Contax III, which takes color stuff and everything is built-in and streamlined.

Mrs. Arthur White dined a few for Countess Felica Gizeyka, who was out here for the week with Mrs. George Sloane. Stopping for a Pork-Pie snack enroute to New York Christmas shopping were the Raymond Guests. Others: were: the James Van Alens, and James McCormick, who escorted Miss Bettina Belmont to Washington to catch a south-bounder for Southern Carolina, for a bird or two. Miss Belmont had but returned from New York where she had encouraged Miss Terry Schey in her coming out party, which her parents gave for her at Pierre's. The Deb wore a gown of ivory satin and iridescent beads. Miss Schey is going to relax soon now from the merry swirl, and come back to her Foxcroft country background.

It was Myer Davis at the Mayflower Inn on Saturday night, Johnny Kreticos doesn't miss a trick over there—only instead of playing tunes on instruments, it was in soup bowls.

Good old John Walker, of Marshall, the oldest living polo player in these here Virginia parts has been patient. He subscribed in October, but has not received his Chronicle yet, and paid in cash too.

The Chronicle had its ear to the radio on Tuesday night from 7:30 to 8:00 but n'ery a peep of Mrs. George Sloane's voice was heard, when she was to talk on the Virginia Garden Club activities and Anti-Bill-Board campaigning. If it was short wave it didn't make Warren-

Mrs. George Garrett and others of the country here are riding the maeadam often to Washington these days in preparation for the Preview Exhibition of the Washington Gallery of the Museum of Modern Art on Sunday the 12th, from 3 to 7. Sporting Paintings it is, and from 1700 to 1937. Among the artists to be represented are the John Frederick and Benjamin Herrings, John N. Sartorius, James Seymour, and Sir Edwin Landseer. Contemporaries too will have works on display, including A. J. Munnings, F. B. Voss, Frank Boyd and others.

The ravishing Mrs. R. T. Metcalf, (Paupie Cabot), who has been staying here with her husband's brother Houghton and Mrs. Metcalf, has up and left Virginia for Providence and Rhode Island. She has taken two of her hunters, and will ride and be fit

for more Virginia hunting in the winter. Jim Skinner has her other horses, with Miss Charlotte Noland, Mrs. Amory Perkins and the Chronicle competing for rides.

Mrs. Frederick Guest, mother of Raymond Guest has moved down to Virginia for an extended stay, taking the J. S. Phipps Ellis House, or is it the Gordon Douglas', and has with her, her recently returned daughter, Mrs. Diana Guest Sevastopoulo.

CASUALTY LIST

Mrs. Norman de R. Whitehouse is getting fit for a serious operation.

Mrs. William Luck, down with a cold, and Mrs. Winnie Gartrell subbing it for her at her school teaching post..

Mrs. A. C. Randolph, returned from Washington and the hospital, is progressing as well as can be expected at Grafton her home.

Mrs. Charles Sabin, who has been having a lot of serious troubles with her back, is better.

Mr. Courtland Smith has been kept in bed and has been right rocky of late.

Mrs. Harold "Peggy" Talbott, who broke her toe and didn't tell anyone about it, is reported to be going O. K. again.

Huntsman Leach, in the Emergency, where the broken thigh carried him, must undergo an operation, to have a steel band put on his leg, then a cast, and thence home for Christmas, for "Dukes". One of the greatest Huntsman in this country, he was badly cracked up in his first accident in 17 years of hunting-grounds.

Morrison Brown, in Emergency Hospital, since November 7th., when he and his horse were struck by a passing automobile, near the Plains (necessitating the destruction of the horse), is suffering considerably, (with the outcome still uncertain), with a badly crushed and broken leg.

Mrs. Billy Wetherall down with broken instep after painful fall when her horse slipped and fell with her last Saturday at Blue Ridge.

Miss Audry Campbell, with all the symptoms of appendicitis, seems slated for an appendectomy in the Emergency.

Mrs. William Phillips got a bad bang when her hunter threw his head back.

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L. to R. Hugh "Bumps" Gouldthorpe, his brother William "Peanuts" Gouldthorpe and Jim Compton have been hard at it hunting the wiley quail. They report that shooting has been the best in years, however coveys are being rapidly diminished. "Bumps" is the Secretary and Treasurer of the Fauquier County Field Trial Association, and puts in long hours purveying the spirits a la A B C.

The Starr Family



—Chronicle Photo.

Mrs. Ayres Starr, well known social matron seen at a recent horse show with her son, James Starr, of New York, who is a frequent visitor with his mother. Mrs. Starr entertains often and well at her Middleburg house and is a familiar figure at all gatherings in the hunting country.

HERE FOR A MONTH



—Hayes Photo.

Mrs. Stuart Janney, formerly Miss Barbara Phipps, is here for two weeks hunting, staying with the Gordon Douglas. She is shown on her hunter, at a recent Orange County meet.

NORTH WALES WALTZING



Mrs. Kate Page Biddle, in white with Butterflies, concentrates on an intricate step with Robert Young at a recent ball at North Wales. Mrs. Biddle has just returned from two weeks of sun in Florida. At the left, is Mrs. William B. Streett dancing with (black-tie) Richard Wallach.

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